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For:	"METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISCOVERING A TRUST CHAIN IMPARTING A REQUIRED ATTRIBUTE TO A SUBJECT")	Date: July 22, 2004
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Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action mailed on April 22, 2004, an initial response to which is due no later than July 22, 2004, Applicant submits this paper. Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.